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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8525

INFO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 1224

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PINT, LE

SUBJ: PROPOSED CALLS ON PRESIDENTS FRANGIE AND KARAME

1. FOLLOWING FRANGIE'S AND DARAMÉ'S VISIT TO DAMASCUS, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO LEAD TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW POLITICAL AGREEMENT, I PROPOSE TO REQUEST EARLY APPOINTMENT TO CALL ON BOTH MEN. IN THE ORDER. I WOULD EXPRESS U.S. GOVERNMENT'S SATISFACTION WITH CONCLUSION OF PEACEFUL AGREEMENT AND HOPE FOR ITS SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION AND ALSO MAKE NECESSARY POINTS ON GALLAGHER AND DYKES. I WOULD PROPOSE TO BE QUITE FORMAL ON LATTER QUESTION. STATING THAT U.S. GOVERNMENT IS COUNTING ON GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR ITS DIPLOMATS. SHOULD DISCUSSION DEVELOP ALONG THAT LINE, I WOULD POINT OUT THAT THERE CANNOT BE EXCEPTIONS TO THIS SECURITY SUCH AS ACTIONS BY PFLP. CONTINUING INABILITY OF GOL TO WIN RELEASE OF THE MEN--OR EVEN ANY SOLID EVIDENCE THEY ARE WELL--CANNOT FAIL TO COLOR RELATIONS BETWEEN USG AND GOL. FOR ONE THING, WE ARE ALREADY GETTING MANY REQUESTS FROM THE PRESS ON THE MATTER AND I DOUBT WE CAN HOLD BACK PUBLICITY MUCH LONGER. FOR ANOTHER WE WILL HAVE TO TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT REMAINING DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL HERE AND MAY HAVE TO CURTAIL MANY OF THEIR ACTIVITIES. I WOULD HOPE WITH THE

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PRESENT SITUATION THAT GOL WOULD GIVE SUFFICIENT

ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER AND TO WIN THEIR SPEEDY
RELEASE.

2. WOULD APPREICATE HAVING ANY OTHER POINTS DEPARTMENT
THINKS SHOULD BE MADE RELATING TO THIS OR ANY OTHER
ISSUE BY OPENING OF BUSINESS MONDAY, SINCE I MIGHT
BE SEEING PRESIDENT FRANGIE MONDAY OR TUESDAY.
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